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arrears of assessment (Section 7, part 1), the liability to summary eviction (Section 9), and the prohibition of suits in Civil Courts (Section 18), they will relax the rigours of the provisions as to the levy of prohibitory assessment and the highest rates of assessment in general by—

(*a*) fixing a maximum period of not more than 3 years for which prohibitory assessment may be levied; and

(*b*) modifying Rule 13 of Dis. No. 772 of 21 by lowering the rate of assessment for trees and investing revenue officers with powers to divide trees into *tarams* based on productivity?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (1) (*a*) & (*b*) The information required by the member has been called for and will be laid on the table when received.

(2) (*a*) & (*b*) The member is referred to the answer to Question No. 32.

PORAMBOKE LANDS.

34. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: (*a*) Are the Government aware that the G. O. on the subject of *porambokes*, No. 4111, dated the 5th Makaram, 1063, has not been brought into operation?

(*b*) Are the Government aware that, in the trial of *poramboke* cases, officers do not inspect such previous records as the *Ayacut* and the *Ozhugu*?

(*c*) Has it come to the knowledge of Government that, when parties to *poramboke* cases apply for copies of *Ayacut*, *Ozhugu* and other records for proving the registered character of the lands concerned, the copies are being withheld? If it has, do the Government intend taking any action to remedy the grievance?

(*d*) Are the Government aware that the imposition of prohibitive assessment and arrear assessment in *poramboke* cases impoverishes many of the ryots and causes considerable harm to agriculture? If they are, will they be pleased to state whether they intend to afford any relief to the ryots?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) The order was presumably in operation till the passing of the Land Conservancy Regulation, II of 1067 and the Rules thereunder. After the passing of the Regulation, the executive order would have become inoperative.

(*b*) Government have no information on the point.

(*c*) There was a representation on the subject at the last session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly and the Government are taking action on that representation.

(*d*) The member is referred to the answer to Question No. 32.

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